
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

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Geological and Water Survey

Purpose and History

The Geological and Water Survey in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) develops programs that provide comprehensive information regarding mineral and water resources in Iowa. This includes an emphasis on new water supply developments and monitoring water quality.

The Geological and Water Survey provides information to the federal government and State agencies. This information includes educational programs as well as technology transfer programs. All of the natural resources information collected is thoroughly analyzed, interpreted, and made available to users through publications, consultant services, and the library of databases that comprise the Department's Natural Resources Geographic Information System (GIS). The Geological and Water Survey consists of the following administrative units:

- Administrative Services.
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
- Geology and Groundwater Studies (GAG).
- Watershed Monitoring and Assessment (WAM).

Funding History

The General Assembly first appropriated funds specifically for this program in FY 2011, and the appropriation is funded from the Environment First Fund. The funding is used to support general geology efforts to provide technical assistance to other State agencies and programs.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [456](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [565—50](#)

More Information

Department of Natural Resources - Iowa's Geology:

www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/GeologyMapping/AbouttheGWS.aspx

NRGIS library: [http://www.ihr.uiowa.edu/igs/resources/nrgis-](http://www.ihr.uiowa.edu/igs/resources/nrgis-library/?doing_wp_cron=1506362510.9412748813629150390625)

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